

WOMAN'S WORK

AUGUST

HOMER BOARD.—The Lord has called the 18 righteous men, 124,000, 425; churches and stations, 3,481; baptisms, 5,921; Sunday Schools, 1,110; teachers, 2,372; pupils, 23,702; churches constituted, 178; houses of worship built, 52; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 7,392. Receipts of Home Board, \$88,640.20.

STUDY TOPICS.—Growth of Southern Slavery. Future of South in manufacturing interests. Great increase of emigration to the South. Pressing need for new church edifices. Best methods of reaching the colored population.

KITTY KNEW ABOUT SHEEP.

Seven sheep were standing in the pasture wall. "Tell me," said the teacher, "One poor sheep was frightened, jumped and ran away. One from seven—how many woolly sheep would stay?" Up went Kitty's fingers. "A farmer's daughter she, as she thought of it." "Please," said the teacher, "Tell us if you know." "Please," she jumped over, "All the rest would go." —SALICATED.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Through the courtesy of the Methodist church of Starkville, the Women's Missionary Society held its eighth annual session in their house of worship, on the morning of July 17, 1896.

The session was called to order by its president, Mrs. M. B. Aven, of Clinton.

Devotional exercises were opened by Mrs. A. A. Hogan, reading a portion of the one hundred and third Psalm, followed by a earnest prayer, invoking God's guidance, counsel, and blessing, in and upon their efforts. The choir sang No. 41, gospel hymn.

The address of welcome was most ably given by Mrs. J. A. Cannon of Starkville. The response by Miss Daisy Shipp, of Yazoo City, was in every way replete with thought and appreciation.

Slips of paper were then distributed for the signatures of the visiting representatives. While this was being done, Mrs. Aven called attention to the free mission literature on the table and insisted that each and every one should supply themselves. At this juncture, Dr. Frost, of Nashville, knocked for admittance.

Dr. Frost, in his brief address, spoke interestingly in behalf of the Sunday School Board. He made the statement that the Women's Missionary Board with Miss Armstrong at its head, had been their strongest support. He called special attention to the page in Kind Words, edited by Miss Alice Armstrong.

The address by Mrs. Aven was most encouraging and stimulating. She briefly reviewed the work done by the organization during its 28 years of growth. May it continue to grow and prosper and bring forth fruit to her honor and glory.

Mrs. R. P. Sprague, secretary and treasurer, being unavoidably absent, Mrs. Aven read her report, which showed plainly that grand and great work had been done by noble women.

A paper styled "Introduction to Missionary Vowels," was read by Mrs. Lura Aven, of Clinton, in a manner that made all conclude that truly a word was a sign of an idea. The chart sent by Miss Armstrong that more plainly illustrates the utility of these vowels was detailed and well read by the ladies to-morrow. On the vowel A, appointment, no paper was read, but Mrs. Whitfield made a most interesting talk. On the vowel E, meaning, expense fund, Mrs. J. K. Pace, of Hazlehurst, read a paper which was read by Mrs. Whitfield. The paper placed before the ladies the efficient one by which means could be more easily and readily raised for necessary expenses. Mrs. Hurt made a motion that hereafter, on blanks sent out should be inserted the words, "expense funds." Mrs. J. L. Johnson made a most able talk on the subject. She stated that each society should list in defraying the expenses of the Central Committee.

The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. M. B. Aven, President, Miss Lida C. Moore, Secretary.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's session of the Women's Missionary Society was called to order by its president, Mrs. M. B. Aven. Devotional exercises were opened by Mrs. Whitfield, reading a portion of the tenth chapter of Ephesians, after which she read a most instructive paper upon the truths and promises of Christ. She then earnestly asked God's protective care upon each member of the organization.

The choir sang "I Nod Thee Every Hour," the minutes were read, approved and adopted; Miss Davis was recognized as a member of the body, and offered the resolution, that the Baptist Layman be recognized as the organ of

the State. Mrs. Johnson made a profitable and thoughtful talk on the necessity of having some medium by which the ladies should know and be in touch with each other, and that both papers were ours. The resolution was tabled. It was recommended that some special lady or ladies should be appointed to take charge of the woman's column in both papers—The Record and The Layman. Mrs. Whitfield was chosen as the proper person for the Layman, and Miss Mary Hackett for The Record.

The report of the vice-president of the different associations were then read; much to the disappointment of the president, only 5 reports out of 38 were read.

The committee appointed yesterday on the rejection of the report on woman's work, by the Baptist State Convention, duly considered the matter, and in the investigation were assisted by several members of the convention. Those brethren who were the original movers and supporters of the resolution thought it well to offer another resolution to the convention, making null and void the first resolution, and so the report on woman's work was restored to its place in the convention.

The vowel I, (information) was most masterfully handled by Mrs. K. Hart, of Winona, setting forth the absolute necessity of reading the proper literature, and that a great effort be put forth to rid the home of objectionable books and papers.

Vowel O, (offering) Miss George Nicholson, of Durant, most forcibly presented to the ladies that our first, best and most acceptable offering be made to and for the Christ, who left all to give himself, the greatest and most sublime offering to a fallen and needy people.

Song No. 597, gospel hymn, "I Nod Thee Every Hour." A paper was read by Miss Davis, written by Mrs. Gombrell.

Vowel U, (unity) was presented by Miss Moore. This paper showed much thought and study, and was listened to with great interest.

Mrs. J. Helen Ellis provided conclusively that we could write for God, as well as talk for his cause. Her paper was Vowel W, or Writing.

The last subject was Vowel Y, or Young People. This paper was read by Mrs. J. L. Johnson. Although the last, it was by no means the least, for it showed that this is the yest and most interesting feature of our work—Young People.

The choir sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and Mrs. Ellis closed the service with prayer.

At 5 o'clock the W. M. Society met for their last session, Mrs. Johnson, of Columbus, leading the prayer service. She spoke quite impressively of the importance of cultivating a spirit of prayer—earnest, fervent prayer. The necessity of carrying everything to God in prayer.

It was expected that Dr. Williams would speak to the ladies at this meeting, but to the great disappointment of all present, he was detained at home by sickness in his family.

Very interesting letters were read from Miss L. Moon, Canton, China; Miss Lura Whitfield, Tang Chow, China; and Miss Minnie Diaz, Cuba. These letters spoke very encouragingly of the work that is being done in the different places. Several of the ladies spoke of the encouragement they had received from attending this meeting, and determined to work more energetically in the coming year than ever before.

The president made a strong appeal, urging all to report their work more promptly and regularly. We could greatly lessen the work of our secretary by reporting our work, whether little or much, promptly at the end of each quarter.

This service was closed with prayer by Mrs. Hurt.

RESOLUTIONS.

While the unrelenting hand of ever kind providence has been here and there in our bounds, selecting precious jewels for the kingdom, we have such fit to select from our number one of our brightest and best—our beloved Sister Webb, whose precious influence and helping hand were ever ready to aid in the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Webb our Woman's Work has suffered an irreparable loss; but that we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and at whose command her gentle, sweet spirit took its flight to dwell in his loving, gracious presence.

Resolved, That we grieve not for her, but for ourselves, who will miss her faithful service, godly, consecrated, and righteous admonition.

Resolved furthermore, That we seek to emulate her beautiful example of consecrated zeal, unselfish generosity, and unflinching faith in God; but while none of us can hope to fill her place, by our united efforts we will endeavor to repaid her loss as far as possible.

Resolved also, That we try to be like her, punctual in our meetings, in zeal and liberality.

Resolved lastly, That we request that these resolutions be spread

upon the Minutes of the Convention, and a copy presented for publication to The Record and Baptist Layman.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. R. P. Sprague for her efficient service as our secretary and treasurer, and with regret we learn of her resignation.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body be extended to the Baptist church of Starkville and community for their cordial welcome and hospitality and entertainment of this body, and to our Methodist sisters for the use of their church. We also tender thanks to the Baptist Layman for space given us, and to all who have extended kind help to make Woman's work a success; also to the choir for the nice music rendered so kindly during our sessions.

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THE BIBLE.

The Bible is a book which comes to us from God through divinely inspired men. It was first written by entirely wise and kind spirits, and afterward translated, with fidelity, into every language of the Christian world, and since being so translated it has made men noble, fortunate and happy. It is the oldest book in the world; and has strangely survived empires and dynasties, and has come down to us through seas of blood and devastating famines and plagues, which time and again have threatened to annihilate the earth. The doctrines and precepts which it communicates have swept over continents and the islands of the sea, and wherever they go they establish peace, happiness, refinement and intelligence. We may do what we will, oppose it as we may, but the Bible will sooner or later work the regeneration of the land. It is the massive pillar on which rests the happy home, orderly community, institutions of learning, noble charities and free governments.

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